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1. The personnel of all of the sections of the DKK are required to attend fortnightly political lectures, given during office hours. The lectures are delivered by staunch SED supporters and follow a designated plan. These lectures are supplemented by discussions of the topics in smaller groups, which meet the following week. The discussions are also led by SED members. Attendance records and minutes of the lectures and discussion groups are maintained.
2. On 3 March 1949, fnu Jonas, the newly appointed head of the political training section of the DKK, called a meeting of all of the political instructors. An analysis of attendance records and minutes indicated that 80 percent of the personnel regularly attend the political lectures, 65 percent attend political discussion groups, and of these about 5 percent actually participate in the discussions. The minutes of the discussion groups revealed a lack of interest on the part of the participants, and an apparent lack of preparation on the part of the group discussion leaders.
3. The minutes of the discussions on the topic "No citizen may take part in a war of aggression", produced the most audience participation, but the discussion leaders were not able to convince the DKK personnel that participation in a war to liberate a people from capitalist suppression is necessary. The discussion group leaders were also not able to convince them that they should support the Soviet Union in the event of war. Jonas announced that he would revise the entire system, and give the group discussion leaders separate instruction, so as to develop the class-consciousness of the DKK personnel along the lines of Lenin and Marx.

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